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Governor Baker Signs Supplemental Budget to Close Fiscal Year 2015

Budget includes funding for substance abuse prevention, DCF training, Stabilization Fund deposit

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker today signed the end of Fiscal Year 2015 supplemental budget into law, with supportive funding for substance abuse prevention, training services at the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and a \$120 million deposit into the Stabilization Fund.

"I am proud to sign an end of year supplemental budget that makes investments to combat opioid abuse and support the mission of DCF, while also depositing money into the Stabilization Fund to bolster our commitment to fiscal responsibility," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "I thank the legislature for joining our administration in addressing the seriousness of the opioid epidemic as well as reforming DCF and look forward to continuing our work with lawmakers on securing additional tools to combat the addiction crisis."

"As I travel to cities and towns across the Commonwealth, I see how the opioid epidemic affects us every day," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "Today's supplemental budget provides important funding for schools to implement opioid prevention programming and for the support of various other substance abuse services."

"I want to thank our colleagues in the legislature for collaborating with us to achieve a final spending plan for Fiscal Year 2015," **said Secretary for Administration and Finance, Kristen Lepore**. "The actions we took earlier this fiscal year are allowing us

to deposit money into the stabilization fund and pay down debt early – two important strides to put the state back on sound fiscal footing.”

The supplemental budget signed by the Governor today includes \$27.8 million for various opioid treatment and preventative programs within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Executive Office of Education. This is an important step towards addressing all of the proposed measures outlined in recently filed legislation by the Governor to combat the Commonwealth’s opioid epidemic.

The supplemental budget also contains important funding for DCF, including \$2.2 million to address immediate staffing and training needs and another \$1 million to provide training for foster families.

For the first time in three years, the state is not drawing down on the Stabilization Fund to balance the budget. First proposed by the Baker-Polito administration in July, this supplemental budget directs \$120 million towards the state’s stabilization fund and another \$113 million to pay down debt early.

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